









### Cables in Brief

**APARTHEID.**—Highways now and then are closed to Negroes. Negroes are not allowed to sit on the benches of the day train for Johannesburg. In the latter city, practically all the houses are "whites only," and the Negroes are being driven out of the city.

**RETIRED.**—Mr. Philip Morris, United States Department agent on South African Affairs, arrived in Johannesburg from Washington, D. C., yesterday.

**ROYALTY.**—Queen Elizabeth, Empress of India, arrived in Johannesburg yesterday.

**RECEIVED.**—The Queen's message to congratulate the return of the "Caledonian" Prisoner of War ship, which was captured by the German navy in World War I and now was returned to British.

**Marshall Visits North American War Graves**

**XUNIS, Monday (Reuter).**—General George Marshall, former U. S. Secretary of State, was here today from Sicily to visit the U. S. war cemetery at Carthage.

General Marshall, now chairman of the U. S. Battle Monuments Commission, had

General De Hautecloque before returning to France.

**40 Refugee Cross**

**To Iran from USSR**  
TEHERAN, Monday (UPI).  
Forty Russian refugees were  
reported today to have crossed  
the Soviet border into Persia  
near Ardabil, Azerbaijan Pro-  
vince, in northwestern Persia.  
The refugees, some of whom  
claimed they were original  
Russians, were detained

frontier guards, the newspaper "Etelest" quoting official sources, reported. They said the

**TURKISH PREMIER  
TO VISIT PARIS**  
PARIS, Monday (Reuter).

Adnan Menderes and Foreign Minister, M. Fuad Kopulu, has accepted a French government invitation to visit Paris next March, the French Foreign Office announced today.

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It does not really matter whether the talks between Mr. Ben-Gurion and the leader of the General Zionists were in the nature of a private symposium or an inter-party negotiation, and nothing can be gained by more exchanges. Since neither Greek philosophy nor the best defence of the Queen's gambit has been the subject of the talks, we had better dispose of the whole argument by assuming that what Mr. Ben-Gurion took for formal negotiations were, in the Prime Minister's intention, exploratory conversations.

Even before Mr. Ben-Gurion published his letter to Mr. Ben-Gurion, readers of the latter's article, "The Vanquished Majority," (in Friday's "Haaretz") must have felt bewildered by a striking disproportion between its length and its substance. It was only in a few concluding paragraphs that Mr. Ben-Gurion managed to refer to one of the issues at stake in his words, "the attitude of the General Zionists to the state within the state, whose name is Histadrut." If this is indeed the principal bone of contention, the question will be asked whether any serious politician, to whatever camp he may belong, can believe for a moment that the Histadrut, representing as it does nearly half the population and three quarters of its broad-based, could be eliminated from the social set-up of the country. The only relevant question can be, therefore, whether the Histadrut is harmful to the public interest. As a trade union, it follows the practice of unions all over the world, viz. to ensure decent conditions of work by way of negotiating with employers and collective agreements. Even the most violent opponent will have to admit that the fact that the present level of wages is one of the contributory factors to industrial peace, cannot be attributed to the workers. There remains, then, Histadrut's function—unique in the world—as an enterprise, controlling such large enterprises as Tel Aviv, Haifa, Haifa, and a great number of others in the field of agriculture, industry, finance, public health, and education. It must not be forgotten that the most important of these undertakings were founded and developed long before the state came into being. No realistic approach can ignore this fact and its implications. Whether this accumulated power is always put to the best possible use is a legitimate question, and it would be unrealistic to assume that the Histadrut considers that it can make no mistakes. Moreover, such burning questions as expansion of production and improvement of productivity are matters of no less serious concern to the Histadrut and Mapai leaders than to those of other sectors.

There can be no genuine conflict of interests between the workers and the rest of the population, between the most dynamic force within the state and the state itself. Just as talk about class-struggle is utterly foreign to the Jewish conception of equality of opportunity, it would be true to demonstrate the need for the protection of capital invested in constructive enterprises. We know only too well that there is a "minimum of substance," not only in wages for work, but also in the replacement value and profits of capital.

More than Mr. Ben-Gurion has said what, in a foliose phrase, he calls a "social compromise." It is in the very nature of a compromise that its terms cannot be dictated, but the limits of concessions to which the negotiators can go can only be determined by negotiation. Neither expediency nor the lack of the best can be helpful once the task is reached where clear questions remain unanswered, and in the matter of their relationship to organized labour the General Zionists are persons of their own free choice to be convinced.

The General Zionists are now confronted with a grave and historic challenge. The door is not closed and the near future must show whether in the scale of values of Mr. Ben-Gurion and his friends General Zionism means higher than Zionism itself.

# GLUECK'S EXPLORATIONS REFUTE TOYNBEE'S THEORIES

## New Light on Ancient Lands

By S. ABRAHAM

THE archaeological research of Nelson Glueck in Trans-Jordan has been described by no less an authority than W.E. Albright as a monumental work to be compared only with the achievements of such great scholars of the past as E. Robinson, C.R. Conder, and Clermont-Ganneau.

In the four volumes of his "Explorations" (published in the Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research, volumes XIV, XV, XVIII, XIX, and XXV-XXVIII) over a thousand sites are described in detail. So large an amount of topographical and archaeological data, accurately and critically assembled, is of the greatest value to the scholar as well as the layman, though part II of volume IV, which deals with pottery and its relation to finds of other explorations and excavations is meant for specialists.

**Araba Mines**  
 Edom, Moab, Amman and Gilead were studied thoroughly by the author in the course of his explorations in the last 20 years. Professor Glueck located and described, in the foot-steps of A. Muir and F. Frank, the copper mining and smelting centres in the Araba and Edom. He excavated and examined the ancient Biblical port at Etzion-Geber, the greatest, technically well planned and smelting site so far discovered in the Ancient East.

With these explorations in Trans-Jordan, the lands of Edom, Moab and Amman, so often mentioned in the Bible, have acquired more realistic aspects, their boundaries became more clearly defined, their strongholds and fortifications were represented in full detail, and their culture was described on the ground of archaeological remains and available literary sources. Most fascinating are the discoveries in the Jordan Valley between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Edward Meyer wrote in 1928 that no



The Wadi Yarmuk, ancient gateway to Palestine from Syria and Jordan.

attempt had ever been made to pre-Roman times to irrigate the soil and to cultivate systematically the barren Jordan valley. In our own times, Arnold Toynbee has repeated this view on the lack of civilization in this area in recorded history. The data collected by Nelson Glueck demolish such conclusions completely. Neither were conditions in the valley intolerable, nor was the heat unbearable. Moreover, Glueck could demonstrate that the history of agricultural civilization in the Jordan Valley goes back to the fifth or sixth century B.C. to the beginning of the fourth millennium B.C. This is confirmed by the remains of houses, cult statues and pottery. As Glueck puts it: "And in the beginning there was Jericho."

The exploration of Trans-Jordan is mostly based on surface finds, which could be related to previous explorations in Palestine and the Near East, partly as a result of more perfect methods in the classification and the dating of pottery.

On this basis, Glueck could prove the development of a secondary civilization in Trans-Jordan as a continuous chain of ups and downs. Declines and sometimes breaks in urban settlements took place between the middle of the 18th and the 13th centuries, and to the south of the Yabrud between the 20th and 13th centuries B.C. and another period of decline occurred between the 6th and the 2nd centuries. On the other hand, periods of prosperity could be established for the times of Israel and Judah in the so-called "Iron Age," and in Hellenistic and Roman times.

It is interesting to note how periods of decline could be established by the absence of pottery at a given place, which points to a decrease in the sedentary population and their gathering in a few strongholds. The climate has not, in all probability, undergone any essential changes since proto-historic times, and cultural fluctuations were rather due to political circumstances, or in the author's words, "to both the creativity and frailties of human nature."

## Readers' Letters

**UNIQUE WORK**  
 To the Editor of THE POST  
 Sir, — I was astonished to read the article by T.F.M. "Gift From Britain Opposed" (your issue of Sept. 23). As a close friend of the sculptor Benno Elkan I know the whole story.

The proposed gift of a Memorial (with relief representations from the Bible to modern times) from the British Parliament to the Knesset aroused opposition among religious circles. After many months of hesitation it was decided to accept the Memorial as it would be placed in the Knesset and not in a Synagogue. Elkan wrote me that he was pleased with the decision and that he (well in his 70's) was

severely busy completing the work. Now T.F.M. reports that new difficulties have arisen and we are in danger of being deprived of a unique work by one of the leading sculptors of our time. I think that the people of Israel to whom this work is dedicated should have a say in this important matter. Yours, etc., ANNY WOLFF Tel Aviv, October 1.

**CULTURAL RELATIONS**  
 To the Editor of THE POST  
 Sir, — We have no doubt that your readers here and in the U.S. would be interested to know that the exhibition of six Israeli painters, selected by Mr. James S. Plaut, is being financed and sponsored by the American Fund for Israel Institutions as the first in a series of similar activities in the field of intercultural exchange between the two countries. Yours, etc., M. AVIDOR, Honorary Secretary, American Fund for Israel Institutions Tel Aviv, September 23.

**RADCLIFFE ALUMNAE**  
 To the Editor of THE POST  
 Sir, — Would all graduates of Radcliffe College (Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.) interested in forming an Israel Alumnae Chapter please communicate with me. My address is 121 Hayarkon St. Plans are in preparation for a first meeting to be held in November. Residents of cities other than Tel Aviv are also urged to write as there is a possibility of meetings in other centres. Yours, etc., Mrs. HAROLD L. SHILMAN Tel Aviv, October 1.

**SAND TRAP**  
 To the Editor of THE POST  
 Sir, — For two years and has crept over the Rehovot road where it passes through the old village of Ekron. No attempt has been made to remove the sand which is a major hazard for cars and which has by now rendered the road impassable to motor-cycles. Yours, etc., COMMUTER Jerusalem, Oct. 1. (Name and address supplied)

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# EUROPEAN HOPES AND ASIAN FEARS

## A Duchess in Malaya

RAWLEY KNOX

WHEN the Duchess of Kent stepped out of her plane at Kallang Airport last week she descended into the tightest security web that even this security-minded colony has yet devised. All police leaves were cancelled for the first fortnight of October. The guards at Government House were doubled and the Royal West Kent, the regiment of which the Duchess is Colonel-in-Chief, took over protection duties at King's House, Kuala Lumpur, where she will stay with General Sir Gerald Templer, the British High Commissioner. Most of the details of the Royal tour in the Federation were shrouded in a security blanket. Whether the Duchess's thus closely guarded person would Malayan breasts with increased morale seems problematical, since the Singapore and Federation Governments have been hammering on explaining the vicissitudes of the Royal Highness's presence than on selling the idea of British Royalty to Malays, Chinese and Indians.

**Planned to Hear**  
 It is true that 1000 school children in a security blanket on Wednesday when she received the freedom of Singapore which has just celebrated its first anniversary as a city. But on the whole her tour appeared to have been planned more to hearen

## Goodwill from India



The Nehrus in Jerusalem. Photo by Mayevskaya

It is good to represent a nation whose Jews may come to Israel because of love and loyalty and not as refugees from hatred and tyranny, said Prof. S. Nehru, Dr. Nehru and his wife have been making a goodwill tour of the world in connection with his presidency of the International Union of Lawyers. The Nehrus are an attractive and alert couple whose interests are about as broad as human

knowledge. They expressed great interest in the cooperative movement here and he stressed the importance of increasing the exchange of students and teachers between India and Israel. Dr. Nehru were western dress with a British cut, and styled while Mrs. Nehru combined western accessories and jewellery with the traditional sari, and Hindu "blessing mark".

During the interview she held out a group of New Year's greetings that she was sending to Jewish friends. On such was inserted the word Shalom in Hebrew. She said that she had been practicing it since it would make her greetings more personal. The Nehrus have many Jewish friends in India.

**At Home**  
 Asked if Israel seemed strange to them Dr. Nehru replied that his wife had inscribed a guest book here with the words, "at last I am here. Happy to be at home." Mrs. Nehru explained that the "look" of Israel was home to her. Like her husband, a cousin of the Indian Premier, she is of Kashmiri Brahmin descent. "But we have a Jewish blood-in-law" she added.

A prominent social worker, she received special training from Judge Justice Wise Poller, daughter of the late Rabbi Stephen Wise. During a recent visit to the United States they visited many Jewish social service centres and spoke on their behalf. They also lectured at New York's Spanish and Portuguese synagogue and visited Dr. Albert Einstein in Princeton.

While in the country Dr. Nehru is lecturing for the Hebrew University. They will leave this week after a whirlwind tour of institutions, cities and settlements. They have been meeting many members of the Indian Jewish community here and were pleased with the descriptions of the country given by them.

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ton here who feel they are in a forgotten world than to demonstrate the link between the Crown and colonial peoples. A wave of uninhibited snobbery has swept over Singapore, the badge which distinguishes the sheep from the goats being an invitation card to the Government House garden party or ball. The Duchess has, however, found the European community much happier with itself than would have been the case had she paid her visit eight months ago, before General Templer's arrival. The planter, especially, whose morale was then at its lowest, now definitely have their tails up and there is a very pronounced feeling of security on a revised appreciation that the final winner of this dragging war must be the Government and cannot be the bandits.

**Asian Worries**  
 Unhappily the cheerfulness that Europeans feel about the final outcome of the battle against the Communists, even though the end is not yet in sight, is not reflected in Asian sentiment. This is not because the Asians have a Communist victory, but because they are even now still uncertain of British intentions. Local politicians, still without prospects of gaining positions of real responsibility, are bickering more than ever among themselves and torturing themselves with the knowledge that many of the British have always expected them to behave like this.

Labour is suffering from the beginnings of a colonial slump, although Singapore's Chamber of Commerce bravely refuses to call the present recession by such an ugly name. With the future of American rubber-buying policy still undecided, there have been both wage reductions and dismissals on estates all over Malaya and the decline in rubber prices has affected labour in other trades. For instance, three of Penang's larger foundries give the rubber recession as the reason for their reducing their labour force by 30 per cent over the past 12 months.

Some dismissed rubber-tappers, especially in Perak, have turned back to padi (rice-growing) and vegetable farming for a living and in view of the rice-buying difficulties of both colonies negotiations with Thailand are again held up owing to price disagreement. This might be described as a valuable trend, if there were any permanency to it. But while the whole Malayan economy largely depends on American buying of tin and rubber, there is no certain financial security for any Malayan labourer and his colours both his politics and his attitude to British rule. It is a tribute both to the Government's labour advisers and to the workers themselves that there have been surprisingly few labour stoppages over the past few months. If the Duchess has been allowed to take a few candid glances between the rifles of her escort, she will have seen a people who are willing enough to work but would be even more so if they knew what they were working towards. (OFPR)

**DAVID COURTNEY**  
**Column ONE**  
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# Men and Things

A RECENT immigrant from Britain is a fountain pen ink which has secured accommodation in Israel and hopes to be joined before the rainy season commences, by its spouse, the pen in person. For some while after that the young "abra" barrels will have to look overseas for the coming of tender young nibs; but it is hoped that no more than a year will have to pass before generations of the latter will be rising among us, buxom and golden as citrus fruits.

It is in very early school days, perhaps, that one remembers first owning a fountain pen, the gift of some splendid uncle. The incredulous joy of discovering that with the new instrument an entire page of exercise book could be filled with writing and not a single blot — immaculate, as the car sellers say. It was one of those moments when the overcoming of a difficulty seems to promise a lifetime of successive victories. But the feeling lasted only until the reservoir ran low. Then, with a sort of nationalism turned inside out, the ink being diminished would press a demand for a fountain pen. The only real call to vigilance in the house must be prevented at all costs from borrowing one's pen, for if they do they always return it with the nib split, as in politics, into a right and left wing. W.L.A.

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